**Congaree National Park** 

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## **Congaree News Release**

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## National Park Service celebrates its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2016 Congaree National Park seeks public input

The National Park Service (NPS) will celebrate its Centennial in 2016, and for the next ten years Congaree National Park will be seeking to tap into new NPS Centennial Initiative funding opportunities for developing projects and programs at the park that relate to the five main themes of the Initiative.

**Congaree wants your input on the future of the park**. Therefore, on July 19<sup>th</sup> Congaree is hosting a "listening session" to share with the public the 10-minute Centennial video produced by the National Park Service and to hear what **you** think we should focus on here at Congaree during this Centennial decade.

When: Thursday, July 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:30pm-9:30pm

Where: Congaree National Park Visitor Center, 100 National Park Road, Hopkins, SC 29061

The five themes of the Initiative are:

<u>Stewardship</u>- The National Park Service leads America and the world in preserving and restoring treasured resources.

Education- The National Park Service demonstrates environmental leadership to the nation.

<u>Recreational Experience</u>- National parks are superior recreational destinations where visitors have fun, explore nature and history, find inspiration, and improve health and wellness.

<u>Environmental Leadership</u>- The National Park Service fosters exceptional learning opportunities that connect people to parks.

<u>Professional Excellence</u>- The National Park Service demonstrates management excellence worthy of the treasures entrusted to our care.

If you can't participate by attending the listening session on the 19<sup>th</sup>, please submit any comments, thoughts, or ideas to the park by July 24th.

Thanks, and we look forward to hearing from you about the future of Congaree.

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